

QC expands bus routes

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QUEZON City Mayor Josefina Belmonte on Monday announced the updated routes, pick-up and drop-off points for commuters as the local government rolled out its Bus Augmentation Program.

The mayor signed a memorandum of agreement with the Land Transportation and Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB) to help provide additional transportation for commuters.

“We are hoping that this program will help ease the problem on transportation and allow for a faster and safer travel of the commuters,” Belmonte said.

Under the agreement, the LTFRB will grant provisional authority for public utility buses that will be selected from bidders/bus operators to ply eight routes within the city.

The updated routes are Quezon City Hall

Cubao, Quezon City Hall- Litex/ IBP Road, Welcome Rotonda-Aurora Blvd/Katipunan, Quezon City Hall-General Luis, Quezon City Hall- Mindanao Avenue/ Quirino, Quezon City Hall- Gilmore, Quezon City Hall- C5/ Ortigas Avenue Extension and Quezon City Hall-Munoz.

City Administrator Michael Alimurung said the program would be open to the public during its initial run, but it will eventually require passengers to present the soon-to-be-released “QCitizen” identification card.

He said buses would only stop on designated pick-up and drop-off points.

“We also expect the program to reduce the number of private cars as motorists might opt to take our bus en route to their destination,” the city official added.